

Mirror school news



INDUCTION ASSEMBLY of Carbondale Area High School National Honor Society was held recently at the school. Presented pins was this group of seniors. Seated, from left in front row, are Susan St. Ledger, president; Diane Owens, vice president; Kathy Cortese, treasurer; Laurie Abraham, secretary; Michele Baines, Jerry Borosky, Kathy Borosky, Donald Brownell, James C. Coleman, Paul Cominsky, Patricia A. Davis. Second row, same order, are Patricia D. Davis, Rachelle Delfino, Dawn Dragwa, Mechele Dursio, Karol Faatz, Joseph Fabiano, Joseph Gatto, John Gerchman, Daniel Gramick, Maria Graziano, Susan Hanchak, Sandy Haran, Beth Hoyle, Karan Krichick, Norren Lipko. Third row, usual order, Mrs. Marcella Kaczmarcik, advisor; Henry Loftus, Dawn Moro, Lorelei Oswald, Phillip Parry, Lisa Potorak, Kevin Rupp, Carla Spiziri, Rebecca Stoklosa, Sandy Tyson, John Walter, Susan Wilk. (MIRROR photo by Ros-Alt)



JUNIORS recently inducted into the Carbondale Area Chapter of the National Honor Society are, front row from left, Gail Turner, Joanne Gerchman, Deenen Moskocky, Brenda Regal, Lisa Totsky, Mary Lee Smugersky, Mary Carol Kovaleski. Second row, same order, are Kathy Scavo, Mary Ann Konzmann, Joann Mascaro, Kimberly Palko, Carol Levine, Pam Fendrock, Ann Reynolds, Mary Colcan, Michelle Wallace. Standing in rear, usual order, are Bobby Leo, Pat McDonnell, III, Bryan G. Rupp, Steph Galko, Lynn Van Nort, Karen McDonald, Julie Crocker, Patrick Denesovich, John Wittig, Doug Rupp. (MIRROR photo by Ros-Alt)

Keystone's Players plan anthology

"Spoon River Anthology" will be presented by the Keystone Junior College Players on Dec. 10-12, 8:15 p.m., in the Winterstein Theatre on the suburban La Plume campus.

Michael Allen, drama instructor and director of the Players, describes the anthology as "a simply-staged American folk poem in which the cast impersonates some 60 inhabitants of an old cemetery. Both the serious and humorous sides of American life are portrayed with feeling ballads, and the

free verse form of the Masters."

This second offering by the Players at Keystone attempts to bring a wide variety of theater of quality to the stage. It is the players' intention to present plays that have both a significant academic value to the students of the college, and a wealth of entertainment value to all our audiences," according to Allen.

Members of the cast include David Claumo, Marc Gilpin, Mike Jensen, freshman Sherry Skotch, a Forest City resident

majoring in general studies, and Sandy Spenser.

Technical direction and scene design will be handled by Tom Greenfield, a freshman from Scranton. Don Pheasant, a local factoryville sophomore, will design the lighting.

For more information or reservations for "Spoon River Anthology" contact Betty Rees at Keystone Junior College, telephone 945-5141, extension 261. Seating in the theater is limited, so early reservations are suggested.

Dr. Ecker appointed to advisory panel

Dr. Michael W. Ecker, assistant professor of mathematics at the Pennsylvania State University's Worthington-Scranton Campus, has been appointed to the advisory panel to the Mathematical Association of America's High School Content Committee.

The committee is responsible for designing unusual and challenging content problems for three different examinations, including the U.S.A. Mathematical Olympiad, which are used to identify the nation's highest achieving secondary school math students.

Dr. Ecker's function will be to propose

problems and solutions as well as evaluate problems and solutions proposed by others on the panel. He has been a frequent contributor of problems and solutions to a number of mathematical journals.

Dr. Ecker received his bachelor of arts degree in mathematics from City College of New York. He was awarded his Ph.D. in mathematics from City University of New York. His college honors included receiving the Israel Edward Drabkin Award in Mathematics, Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Alpha member and Magna Cum Laude graduate.

He has served as a judge at the New York Metropolitan Mathematical Fair and the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science, and as a reviewer for the *Two-Year College Mathematics Journal*, the *MAATYC Journal* and *The AMATYC Review*.

He holds memberships in the Mathematics, Pennsylvania Council of Teachers of Mathematics and American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges.

Dr. Ecker is a freelance writer on lotteries, sweepstakes, games of chance and puzzle and has been published in *Game Magazine*, *Contest News-Letter* and *Winning*.

Carbondale Area holds honor society induction

Carbondale Area High School recently held the induction of junior members and presentation of pins to senior members of the National Honor Society.

After a formal ceremony at the school, refreshments were served in the school cafeteria.

The student members have maintained 90

percent averages and have exemplified the qualities of scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

Mrs. Marcella Kaczmarcik is the advisor.

Class of 1977 seeks its missing classmates

The Carbondale Area class of 1977 is presently looking for the addresses of the following classmates for its five-year reunion:

Bob Davin, Jay Ruck, John Yanchick,

Phil Fabiano, Adrian DuPlessis, Mark Hirsch, Pat Nelson, Rose Mary Sears, and James Weckel.

Anyone who knows the addresses of these

individuals is asked to contact either Joe Pedigan at 282-3571 or Margaret Critchett at 282-2564.

Vo-tech prepares its students for direct entry into local job market

Lackawanna County Area Vo-Tech education's credibility has traditionally been linked to effectively preparing students for direct entry into the labor market.

Rapid technological change in current vocational training programs has kept pace with parallel change in skilled labor demands according to administrators at the local vo-tech.

The Lackawanna Vo-Tech keeps pace with the dramatic changes projected for business and industry in the future.

Need for skilled workers will not disappear.

Already there is a shortage of competent workers within occupations for which vocational educators traditionally offer training. Communities that demonstrate they can provide employers with competent workers will strengthen their hold on existing jobs and promote economic development by attracting new jobs.

Vocational education programs can be responsive to local needs through locally determined program selection and instruction that anticipates and addresses content and performance changes within occupations.

A current position paper from AVA on *The Shortage of Skilled Workers* indicates vocational education need be particularly concerned about preparing skilled workers for high-demand occupations.

The paper further states "... shifts in vocational education enrollment patterns will be required to assure that program completers will be trained in areas of demand. Often change is slow because it is cheaper to continue out-of-date programs than to close them and open new ones; new vocational

programs require new capital investment. Yet it is in the nation's interest to have workers prepared in fields where there are opportunities for employment."

Local vo-tech keeps up

The Lackawanna Vo-Tech has adopted the policy of keeping up with the current trends of industry by constantly updating its shop equipment. For instance, in the graphic arts department at the South Center, the school has just purchased a new Compugraphic Editwritter 7500 II phototypesetter which will enable the student to set type for the printing industry in an up-to-date fashion.

The Editwritter will set as much as eight typefaces at one setting, and range in type sizes from six point to 72 point.

The demand for modern typesetting equipment in the printing industry has prompted school officials to purchase the equipment in order for students to become more familiar with the new modern trends in type composition in industry.

Craft Advisory Committees for each of the 28 shops in the Lackawanna Vo-Tech are composed of men and women of industry who meet periodically with shop instructors and discuss the new trends in their respective fields.

Their recommendations are then studied and implemented so that the vo-tech student has the opportunity to keep abreast of the advancements in industry.

Strong ties

Strong ties with local industry include well-organized and effective craft advisory committees who provide a direct link to the incumbent workers, a valid source of current occupational skills.

Where Lackawanna Vo-Tech ties to local industry are sensitive to job market changes, response to change is evident through systematic updating of training programs.

In this manner local vocational programs insure built-in accountability for current instructional program content.

Competency-based vocational education (CBVE) now in use the local vo-tech encompasses those features for insuring accountability through the instructional delivery system. The primary target group for implementing CBVE is the teacher.

Unless successful innovation occurs in the classroom, other activities have been essentially fruitless.

Modification in practices addressed only through the training of new teachers, though essential, is too slow by itself to achieve significant impact.

Where local staff development efforts address capacity building activities, teacher skills for implementing CBVE are increased.

Applying tasks refined into specific teacher actions goes a long way to ease local implementation by removing the mystery of converting from a conventional to CBVE instructional system. The teacher furnishes those changes needed to achieve program accountability by following a systematic process outlined in the CBVE model.

Teacher application of the CBVE system to current instructional practices allows programs to respond to occupational needs of the local community.

SANDY WALSH, senior in the graphic arts department of the South Vo-Tech, operates the new Editwritter phototypesetter at the school. Miss Walsh can produce newspaper as well as commercial type copy for the printing trade. (Vo-tech photo)

New Jersey wildlife on display

Prints and paintings of New Jersey wildlife by artist Carol Decker, will be on display at Keystone Junior College's Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC), Dingmans Ferry, new through the month of January.

The wildlife exhibit includes pen and ink drawings, acrylic paintings, works in mixed media and five limited edition prints.

The Branchville artist has devoted nearly 30 years to a career combining art and love of nature. Her subjects are songbirds, small animals, birds of prey, reptiles and large woodland animals.

Using not only brush and palette, but also camera and binoculars, the artist is able to capture in her works the true beauty of the wildlife she loves.

Mrs. Decker's work has been exhibited frequently in New York and New Jersey. The art has also been published in New Jersey Outdoors, a bimonthly publication of the Department of Environmental Protection, and on the covers of "Pennsylvania Forest" and "Turkey Call" magazines.

The limited edition prints on display, reproductions of a grizzly bear, a black bear, a pair of river otter, a group of Eastern Bluebirds and an Eastern Wild Turkey, are available for sale by the artist.

The exhibit, which is open to the public at no charge, is located in PEEC's main building. The center is run cooperatively by Keystone Junior College and the National Park Service.

Students in the Junior-Senior classes at Lakeland High School might have selected a course in computer programming for the 1981-1982 School Year as an elective.

On any given day, clusters of students can be seen busily engaged in group or individual projects around the microcomputers in Room 141.

Costing approximately \$7,000, the equipment consists of two complete systems (micro-computers with disc drives) and a dec writer, which is used to print programs and deliver computer copy. The center is designed to introduce the students to use the programmer and computers, as well as to BASIC (Beginners All-Purpose Symbolic Instruction Code), the language which computers use.

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extremely satisfied with the response and success of the program. He wishes he had more equipment with which students could get even more time to work with the programs.

Currently, he requires two projects which work per quarter of each student. The computers are used all day and Sawka said some of the students would stay 24 hours a day working on special projects.

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any other class because you're dealing with computers, not only taking notes. The course gives you a chance to use the information gotten."

Baizer added, "This course influenced me to go to college to study computer science." Perhaps, the craze of computerized electronic games has enhanced the popularity of this course.

It is informal, a hands-on course where students may see their results immediately. For the future, Sawka sets the eventual connection of the Lakeland computer system to the computer at the University of Scranton or some other larger system where the printer is more effectively designed.

But for now, the computer invasion has left an indelible mark on the Lakeland curriculum.

Monday, Dec. 7, hamburger on roll, sliced cheese, potato sticks, pickle spears, apple crisp.

Tuesday, Dec. 8, tacos; ground beef, sliced tomatoes, lettuce, shredded cheese, taco sauce, applesauce cookie.

Wednesday, Dec. 9, spaghetti with meat sauce, lettuce salad, rolls with butter, sliced pears or pineapple.

Thursday, Dec. 10, kibbabi or hamantaschen, french fries, steamed sauerkraut, sheet cake.

Friday, Dec. 11, cream of tomato soup, crackers, grilled cheese sandwich, celery, carrot sticks, mixed fruit.

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